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Those Vacant Rooms Again

In an editorial in last week's Bayonet we suggested that officers and non-commissioned officers living on the post might show a true Christmas spirit by opening up a spare room to accommodate the overflow crowds of visitors to the Fort Benning area during the Christmas holidays.

There was some response to that editorial and the billeting office received several phone calls. One point needs to be clarified. No charge can be made for the room, but a service charge may be made to cover the costs of laundry, a charge which most visitors undoubtedly would be only too happy to pay.

The situation in the Columbus area is critical. Walter Pike, of the Chamber of Commerce, told us that soldiers are coming in with tears in their eyes after tamping the streets all day looking for a room for their mothers. Hotels are out of the question and it appears that practically every possible available room in the city has been reserved.

Here is a chance, perhaps, to make a real Christmas for a family, a reunion which may be a long time to come. The slight inconvenience to the family with rooms to spare of having others in the house for a few days at the most will be more than made up for by the happiness the hospitality will bring. Call FB 3505.

Children For Victory

We may win the war and lose our children. In one of our largest cities child delinquency has gone up 14 percent in the last six months. A high percentage of our most hardened criminals are in their teens. There are many mothers in industry who value a double paycheck more than a secure home for their children. Venereal infection has risen 75 percent this year in a key port of embarkation.

The first aim of the subversive forces in overthrowing a country is to corrupt the young by slackening their moral standard. America's inner enemies are not idle.

A number of parents, facing the problem, decided, "No matter what you tell your children, you can't stop them from being just like you." So they figured out a program of moral re-education, beginning with themselves.

They said, "Our homes need to be more than filling stations by day and parking lots at night. We need where the children love to be. Homes that pull together pull the town together. Sound homes are the strength of a nation. They back up our fighting sons abroad and push up production in industry."

One of these families starts every day with a "council of war" before the eldest son goes to his job in an airplane plant. God is the boss in that home. Marcie, aged 10, and Bruce, aged 14, help their big brother solve the problems that arise in his work. Together they tackle friction at home; so he knows how to cure it as it pops up along the production line. As a result production has risen 40 percent in three departments of that plant.

The fight for sound homes is the fight for loyal victory and a new world. You and your children are on the front line.

Change Step

Fourth Platoon gets plenty of bad breaks, they sweat every line from payroll to chow and get all the left-overs and misfits in clothing and equipment. The stiffest penalty they pay for their position in life however is the reputation for always being out of step.

Find nothing in the field manuals or old "GTS" on the subject, the "fighting 4th" of Company 16, First Student Training Regiment, has tried to arrive at the correct solution. Of course this is by the trial and error method but if success is ours then it must be O. K.

The following classified suggestions on "How to Keep in Step for Fourth Platoon Only" are submitted in hope that those in this platoon will profit by our suggestions.

1. AUTOMATIC CHANGE STEP METHOD: Every sixteen steps the entire platoon changes steps without command. The number of steps will vary between companies but sixteen is a good average.

2. SPLIT STEP METHOD: Two squads maintain one step; the remaining two, the opposite. In extremely difficult cases all squads may maintain a different step but this is resorted to only after written permission is obtained.

3. SMOKE SCREEN METHOD: Every member of the platoon is to raise a foot during such dust clouds that cannot be observed. This is especially effective in dusty camps if such a camp is available, need we say more.

4. VICE VERSA METHOD: Have the platoon keep in the opposite step of the third platoon. This simple method will insure accuracy about three-fourths of the time.

5. SLOPPY JOE METHOD: Every platoon has at least one individual who is always out of step with the rest of the group. Make him guide and you will be surprised how much of the time he will be in step with the student company commander.

6. RIGHT FOOT METHOD: Simply have the platoon step off on the right foot. This method has the unique feature of putting the group in step just about the time you pass by the C. O.'s window.

These methods are merely suggestions and readers must not accept them as the ultimate—after all, one cannot overlook the differences in situations and terrain. To date there is no real solution except possibly to eliminate the fourth platoon.

CANDIDATE ART URY,
16th Co., 1st E. T. R.

a gorgeous day of absolute drenching. But most everyone carried his pack as though it were a feather, instead of a water logged chunk of lead.

And so silence falls—and breaths become more regular. For another few days (ten, or so, we hope) ... all will be normal.

Muddled Thinking

We sit drinking our milk-shakes and reading in the papers about the milk-shortages. The same way we sit and read about shortages in England or famine in Greece. Now it's coming closer to home.

"We'll manage somehow. We'll win the war soon, and then everything'll be O. K." That's what we'd like to think.

But that sort of thinking has got us into the muddle. There are lots of shortages before there's a shortage of milk. And a shortage of thinking is one of them.

The man who takes the long view is the man with the answer to shortages. He's the fellow who'll help America win this war. Take one farming community in the West. A couple of years back they had a feud to every square mile. Some of them carried guns; others hadn't spoken in years. But they got together long before Pearl Harbor on the program of "You Can Defend America." That program says, "We'll never have V for Victory until we have U for Unity." And so lots of these ranchers sank their pride for the good of their valley. Now they are meeting shortages by sharing—sharing machinery, ideas, manpower. And more milk and cattle come out of that valley to feed civilians, soldiers and allies, because these families have learned how to work together.

The garage-owner in that valley, an expert welder and mechanic, says, "I could go down to the city and earn big money, but I feel my job is here keeping the ranch-machinery going." There ought to be an "E for Excellence" flag floating above his workshop; it's producing its maximum for America. That kind of thinking and living is the answer to shortages of manpower and machinery. It comes from a fighting faith in God and in America.

Lack of that fighting faith is the first of all shortages. Only by obedience to the guidance of God can we find the guts and the "know-how" to plan ahead, work together and live for our country. It is still true that if everybody cares enough and everybody shares enough, everybody will have enough.

Most Embarrassing Moment

The warm rays of a non-committal Georgia sun diffused its way earthward to the group of husky Officer's Candidates at the Fort Benning Infantry School.

Standing military and erect on the raised platform, the Physical Training Instructor barked his commands to the more than eager class. All, by the way, members of the 13th Co., 3rd Student Training Regiment. The "hup, two" cadence of the exercise reflected the training and alertness of these potential officers.

"All right, men, strip to your under-shorts." The class, stunned by the request of their instructor, proceeded very cautiously to discard all unnecessary outer garments. Shorts too wide, too long, too short, in effect all types soon made their flapping appearance in the mild wind. All except Candidate . . . Well, let's call him "G" for he has already been subjected to a terrific amount of "ribbing" by his fellow O. C.'s. Very conspicuous amidst the generally white appearance of the surrounding shorts, he retained his green fatigue trousers, and continued to exercise, until his buddies' shouts of "take it off" were reminiscent of the one-time ubiquitous burlesque.

Shamed into removing his trousers, there he stood, bright and glowing in his "flame red" plaid shorts . . . Oh gosh, where's that hole in the ground?

Even As You And I

The night infiltration problem was a howling success for the Third Platoon, 18th Co. STR in more ways than one. Group No. 11 seemed to have all the tough luck as it struggled into the assembly point in three pieces.

The first man lost was Candidate L. L. Reed, who became confused after lying on the ground during a flare attack. Upon rising some minutes later he fell in behind what he believed was his patrol.

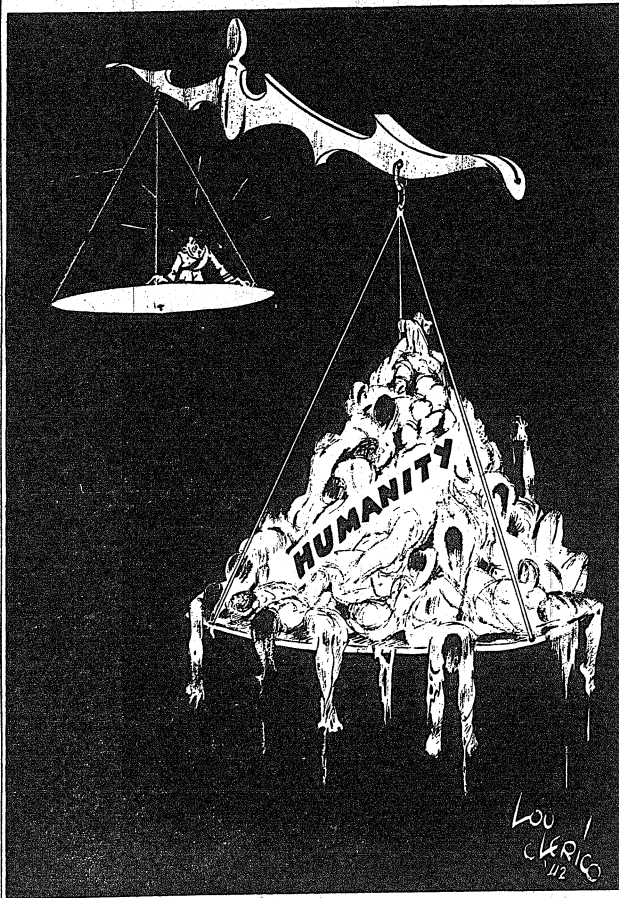
He tagged behind this group for an hour. Then the patrol counted noses and found an extra one. They challenged him with the signal word "White." Reed, thinking they asked his name, said "no." He quickly changed it to "yes" when the group approached him threateningly.

The fourth squad of the Third Platoon, 18th Company, shot a high score on the "Technique of Fire" range. It was noted that there were many volunteers to shoot the B. A. R.'s because the boys were figuring a way out of cleaning rifles.

Good natured and roly poly Candidate E. E. Osgood is through with trips off the post. He caught a ride to Baker Village, Sunday, to visit an officer friend. On the way back he missed three buses before he learned one had to get on at the front bench.

Ossie kept trying to get on at the rear, as in his own Virginia, and the disgusted driver would pull out before Ossie could find the door.

Weighed In The Balance And Found Wanting



Strictly Back Fence

By EVE

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good army wife this past year. I have limited myself to a weekly fit of hysterics. I'm sure you can't blame me for that one indulgence. You'd grant any woman that privilege when her meat tag number's 86 and the butcher calls out 23 just as you take it off the hook.

I have listened so long to the tiredness of our men and the need for peaceful quiet evenings I've at long last become accustomed to this lack of enthusiasm for my proposed entertainment. I have to see Lana Turner, Veronica Lake, and Alexis Smith on the screen. This will give you an idea how long ago it was since I forgot the movies as a diversion.

The daily recital of my woes and tribulations have sent him back to duty with a feeling that war and its problems were a simple affair compared to the struggle a woman endures. You'll agree that this is a perfectly proper state of mind for a military man, thinking his job is a mere bagatelle.

For these and many unmentioned virtues throughout the year I should like you to grant the following requests on Christmas Eve, when you visit Fort Benning:

1. Please bring me a new and up-to-date telephone book. At least twenty or more on each page have left the post for parts unknown. The remaining number have moved at least once. This would be a joint gift in a manner of speaking, for the pleasant operator who handles "Information" would be benefitted too.

2. Please give me a regular delivery of our evening and morning paper. Especially the morning

paper. The husbands looking angry for their morning paper up and down the block is an unending experience these dark months. A husband drumming his fingers on the dining room table, in lieu of a peaceful perusal of his paper, makes breakfast preparations a very jittery affair.

3. Please give me the name of a cleaner that won't shrink my husband's trousers to an adolescent gawky ankle length garment. I'd like this cleaner to be able to return my dresses with a reasonably straight hem, if that isn't asking too much.

4. And seriously, Santa, give me a little magic packet that will make me courageously cheerful and brave when my day arrives to move into civilian life. My many friends whom I call "Widows of Bataan" have set an example I should like to follow. I'm not sure that I wouldn't falter and a gift like this might be necessary for me to maintain the high standard of integrity and courage established by army women before me.

5. And lastly, please see that the hard working, competent and always gay staff of soldier newspapermen that give us our Bayonet each week are granted an especially wonderful holiday. Each week they give the entire personnel of the post their talent and abilities in creating the outstanding service paper of today. But maybe you've already planned something special for them.

For the granting of these wishes, Santa, I'll write a whole list of good resolutions at New Year's, and remain,

Devotedly yours,

Eve



By PVT. GUESS WHOM?

Doctor—"Your throat is in a very bad state. Have you ever tried gargling with salt water?"

Skipper—"Yes, I have been tormented six times."

Receiving news that a General and twelve mules had been captured by the Confederates, Lincoln's comment was, "How unfortunate! Those mules cost two hundred dollars each."

1st Lt.—"What's strategy, Murphy?"

Pfc. Murphy—"Strategy is when you don't let the enemy know you

are out of ammunition and keep on firing."

Hospital Nurse—"Can I do anything for you?"

Parachutist—"Yes, give me a good-night kiss."

Nurse—"Oh, you must wait till my orderly comes; he does all the rough work."

Camp barber—"Will you have anything on your face when I'm through?"

Soldier—"It doesn't seem likely."

When I joined the Army, I made up my mind to be a general.

"But you're still a private."

"Yes, I found it easier to change my mind."

"How do you like your C. O.?"

"Well, I sort of like him half way, and sort of half don't like him, but I half don't like him the most."



WHAT MEN LIVE BY

Chaplain Frank M. Thompson. Old Testament—"Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live and is full of misery."

Modern: "Preach to the storm, and reason with despair. But tell not misery's son that life is fair."

A rather discouraging outlook, since life is about the same in all ages. The external trappings, no, the basic facts, the fundamentals, yes. Now, as in the past, man is subject to disappointment, calamity; a prey to hunger, disease, death, and "the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to." And yet man plods on, courageously, with his face toward the rising sun, because he is girded about, fortified by hope—that is what he lives by.

"It springs eternal in the human heart. Man never is, but always to be, blest."

If it is cloudy today, it will be fair on the morrow. Sickness will give way to health; tears to laughter. Want now may be our portion, but some day the barn will be full to overflowing. In time there will be a cabin in the pines, a mansion on the hill.

That is the fine thing about life—the best is always out in front. It is true of the life that now is and the one to come.

In the play, "The Last Mile," a battered wretch in one of the cells, watching the condemned slowly making his way to the death house, cries out: "They talk about heaven; well, if there isn't one, there ought to be."

It is hope speaking—"It's the rainbow to the storms of life. The evening beam that smiles the clouds away. And tints tomorrow with prophetic ray."

Poetry

REVELLE

By MURPHY

When we falls out for Reveille so early every morn.

It's quite a job to make it and you're sorry that you're born. Ya got to lace your boots an' fall out lookin' trim.

An' only one guy usta make it, but he was awful prim.

Got everyone to wonder why they couldn't do just like him.

When we falls out for Reveille, a seedy lookin' bunch, Lt. Johnny Chance is standin' lookin' just as trim as Punch. His boots are highly polished, his

Day-Room Duds

By SGT. HARRY R. CHARD

"I'll give you a lift, buddy," the post heavyweight champ whispered in the ear of his opponent just before cutting loose with a right uppercut.

RED LIGHT

Personally posting recruit Bilgus on guard, the officer of the day pointed at a red light at the far end of the dim warehouse.

"That," he instructed, "thirty days later Bilgus reported back on the post and informed the O. D. he had reached the red light. It was a tall light on a furniture van bound for Omaha."

ON OUR POST

A certain K. P. had the habit of spilling garbage on the kitchen floor. The mess sergeant, a real tough egg, decided to put a stop to it. He grabbed the K. P. by the neck, shoved his nose in it, then hurled him through the window. But the next day the hapless K. P. made the same mistake again. As the mess sergeant started for him, he got down on his knees, dipped his nose in the garbage, hopped up, and out the window he jumped.

"How do you like this picture of a drunkard?"

"Why, that's only a blank piece of paper."

"Sure it is—he got drunk and passed out of the picture."

"There's the Big shot of the army," said the soldier—pointing at the 18-inch gun.

"Hell's bells," remarked the dog-face as the alarm clock went off.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Get in! I'm not too tight to drive.

Recruit: "The sales you put on these G. I. shoes are too thick."

Post cobbler: "Ah, that objection will soon wear off."

BLANKET BLANK

issen soldier, if your brains were sorted, they wouldn't grade two ounces to the ton—you look just like a cancelled postage stamp.

HIGH EXPLOSIVE

A barber supply salesman told the regimental barber that the price of hair tonic was due to skyrocket in a few days, so the barber decided to take advantage of the tip

me that Edgar White will be at the club starting today and remaining through Xmas, and will lead the men in Christmas Carols for his entire stay. . . . This coming Wednesday will see a big party, sponsored by the Wynton Club, with a still larger Xmas tree at the club.

Be sure to be there, as alyl will receive a gift.

And now for a little dirt about the club. . . . Mell Talbot has finally finished the sweater for Jim, and it seems to have her mind wandering off somewhere else, don't be harsh with her. . . . Jim is arriving for a visit around the 28th of December.

There are now 20 teams in the 9th St. USO Basketball league. . . . It started with ten teams in one league and now has branched into two.

Some more dope from the 9th St. Club is that the High School Glee Club of Columbus will entertain the dancers at the regular Thursday dance this evening, with Christmas carols. . . . Monday will see the Cabaret night built around the Christmas theme. . . . There will be a tree and all the gals will bring little novelties to hang thereon. . . . Don't forget, there will be a regular switchboard and eight telephones with which to make all your long-distance calls.

A flash has just come into the office, and it says that more than 5,000 packages were wrapped by the different USO clubs over this week-end. . . . Another flash says, there will be a bit of entertainment at the Columbus SA-USO this Saturday by the Station Hospital Orchestra. . . . That is a plenty good outfit and shouldn't be missed.

Here is a little advance dope on the new policy for the SA-USO. . . . Every Saturday night, a regular entertainment will be presented by the club. . . . Don't let anyone tell you, but just be there and then let us know how you like it.

When we falls out for Reveille an' hustles into ranks, Johnny Chance is allus present, his coat down to his shanks. The rest of us so crummy—Sergeant Butch is thunderous mad an' he says to look at Johnny. . . . He says to be had.

The look like him we couldn't as our form was very bad. He orders Johnny to peel his coat and show us dumb galoots just how the well-dressed soldier looks in britches, blouse and boots.

So when Johnny duffs his well creased coat, we get a good long glance;

An eyebrow raises, a smile appears—the Sergeant's eyes are alants

For Lt. Johnny sure fell out— but Chance wouldn't his pants!

Gators, Breakers Place Three On All-Conference

Two Positions Landed By Dragons, Two Nine; 11th Gains Other Slot

Cestary, Brown Unanimous Choices On Team Hailing From Eight States

Reflecting a wide spread of individual talent throughout the league, the first annual All-Conference team, selected this week by the Bayonet, allots places on the first eleven to five of the six units which formed the post's initial intra-mural grid conference.

On the honorary squad of 39 players, chosen after a careful survey of expert opinion, three first team positions went to the 124th Infantry Gators, loop champions, and the Breakers of the 117th Infantry who finished in third place. The 3rd Armored Dragons and 29th Infantry Devils each landed two slots, with the final one going to the fifth-place 11th Armored Tankers.

Eight states are represented on the first eleven, ranging in distance from California to Massachusetts, while New Jersey, Ohio and Florida each had a pair of home-state products selected for the Bayonet eleven. Soldiers from many other states were chosen for the remainder of the squad.

CESTARY NAMED CAPTAIN
Two players were unanimously selected by the board of experts, composed of a representative from each team plus a Bayonet scribe. They were Roy Cestary, brilliant left halfback and captain of the champion Gators who is also named honorary captain of the mythical eleven, and Thurman (Stoop) Brown, the rangy left end of Breakers who was a stand-out all season.

Rounding out the first team backfield with Cestary are one of his team-mates, Spiro (Nick) Calos, stellar blocker and place-kicker of the 124th; Ken Smith, 117th's flashy wingback and only officer named; and John (Big) Carney, the ball-like full-back of the 3rd Armored who was the most colorful performer in the conference.

Three of the backfield quartet had previous college experience. Cestary played freshman and sophomore ball at Notre Dame, Smith was a Hoosier star at the University of Indiana a few years back, and Carney performed at one time for the famed Haskell Indians, as well as at Oklahoma University.

EX-COLLEGE LINEMEN
Two other first team members also played collegiate football before entering the Army. They were Larsen of the Tankers who spent three years on the varsity at Santa Barbara State out in California, and Jim Hennessey, 29th who was a crater jack end for the Wolfpack of North Carolina State. Larsen was selected for a tackle berth, and Hennessey at end as Brown's running mate.

Selected opposite Larsen at the other tackle was the burly Mike Hutchins, team captain and stand-out lineman for the Blue Devil machine of the 29th. The guards chosen were Green and Carl Kneeland, a versatile line star for the 3rd Armored. Mike Banasiak, great pass blocker for the 117th, also filled the pivot position, and lacked only one vote of being a unanimous selection. Hutchins, Howard and also Tackles are heavy.

The forward wall is definitely representative of the type of lines that were in evidence all season in the loop. The tackles are the only 200-pounders on the first eleven, the guards are smart, but speedy, the center is rugged, and the ends are big and fast.

Behind this "perfect" line, the backfield is a nicely balanced offensive and defensive unit. It has Cestary to fireball the passes, crash the tackles and punt; Smith to skirt the ends; Carney to block the center and Calos to do the blocking and place-kicking with great skill. The Chief was also a good backer-upper. Cestary and Smith were stand-out defensive halfbacks, and Calos was a better-than-average safety who could alternate with Smith.

DEAN TEAM
All in all, the first eleven comes close to being a dream team that any coach in the conference would have liked to field as his starting line-up. Not only that, but the Bayonet is convinced that the proper amount of practice as a unit, is a team that could cope with some of the best collegiate opposition.

Cestary, the great Gator star, was a stand-out performer all season, and none could seriously challenge his right to a position on the honorary team. He passed punting and paced the champs all the way. His running at times was truly phenomenal and he ran the Gator eleven on the field with great finesse.

ANOTHER YOUNGSTOWN BOY
Hailing from Youngstown, Ohio, the home of Georges Al-Amir, Frank Smith, whom he played against in high school, was 185 pounds, 5 foot 10 inch youth was not only a great player, but an inspiring leader as well. There was real drama in some of his feats. Against the 29th in the season finale, his team was trailing 7-0 and looked beaten when practice as a unit, is a team that could cope with some of the best collegiate opposition.

Most of the good guards in the loop belonged to the 124th who had a fine trio in Howard, Aulen-tine and Tavarone. All three made

Fort Benning's Dream Team for 1942 Season



Bayonet's 1942 All-Conference

Position-Player-Team	Height	Weight	Home Town
End-Thurman Brown-117th Inf.	6'3"	190	Dixon, Tenn.
Tackle-Mike Hutchins-29th Inf.	5'10"	208	Newark, N. J.
Guard-Green Howard-124th Inf.	5'8"	170	Live Oak, Fla.
Center-Wm. Banasiak-117th Inf.	5'11"	185	Linden, N. J.
Guard-Karl Kneeland-3rd Arm.	6'10"	160	Amherst, Mass.
Tackle-Wm. Larsen-11th Arm.	6'2"	214	Lompoc, Calif.
End-James Hennessey-29th Inf.	5'11"	190	New Rochelle, N. Y.
Back-Spiro Calos-124th Inf.	5'11"	165	Palmetto, Fla.
Back-Roy Cestary-124th Inf.	5'10"	185	Youngstown, Ohio.
Back-K. L. Smith-117th Inf.	5'8"	175	Piqua, Ohio.
Back-John Cornin-3rd Arm.	5'9"	197	Oklahoma City, Okla.
End-Len Belin, 124th Inf.			Walter Reutter, 3rd Arm.
Tackle-Jim Strypczek, 117th Inf.			Wm. Guernsey, 55th Eng.
Guard-Frank Mastranunzio, 29th Inf.			Tony Aulenti, 124th Inf.
Center-Rede Girault, 29th Inf.			Harold Keller, 124th Inf.
Guard-Richard Myers, 117th Inf.			Nick Tavarone, 124th Inf.
Tackle-Al Berasi, 124th Inf.			Randal Holden, 3rd Arm.
End-Whitney Gerrish, 55th Eng.			Lud Dyal, 124th Inf.
Back-Carl Deane, 55th Eng.			Vince Daddino, 117th Inf.
Back-Claude Hackney, 124th Inf.			Nick Copra, 3rd Arm.
Back-Joseph Bryan, 29th Inf.			Edward Hurley, 29th Inf.
			Stanley Ergler, 124th Inf.

HONORABLE MENTION
End: Leo Carr, 29th Inf. Center: Wm. McVey, 3rd Arm. Backs: Tony Lasoskey, 3rd Arm.; Ed McNulty, 11th Arm.; Mike Banosok, 117th Inf.; and John Krull, 55th Eng.

Prizefighter K. O.'d Nazi Bundists As A Sideline

PFC Abramowitz Of 29th Infantry Had 'Interesting' Life

A prizefighter and boxing promoter who fought the German-American Bund movement in New Jersey with their own methods, now is a soldier at Fort Benning and is hoping to train his gang on the much bigger game of the Nazis in Germany itself.

He's Mc. Sidney Abramowitz, of First Battalion Headquarters, 29th Infantry. During his fighting and managing days he was well known as Nat Arno back in his home town of Newark, N. J.

He began his fight career at the age of 14 after he had lost \$25.00 given him by his father to buy a new suit—the lost occurred in a dice game where he gained fame as a battler among

his cronies of Newark, and was approached by a promoter to appear in an "amateur" bout, but he managed to get the \$25.00 even though an amateur.

FIRE WITH FIRE
After that he entered the ring, became interested in politics and the entertainment world of Newark. When the Bundists began their preaching of hatred and distrust under the guise of patriotic meetings, he organized some of his friends and met fire with fire.

Soon he was leader of nearly 2,000 men of all races and creeds who saw with dismay what the Bundists were endeavoring to do. They raided meetings, managed to steal orders from Germany, and often engaged in pitched battles with the Nazis. Finally the F. B. I. singled him out as a vital source of information on Bundist activities, and he happily engaged in securing information of vital nature.

Now he has ambitions to enter OCS and hopes to be leading troops into Germany against the bosses of the Nazis he previously fought in his home bailiwick.

BAT BATS 'EM!



Amerigo L. (Bat) Battinelli, a member of the 29th Infantry's Medical Detachment, recently topped the regimental handball championship and has now issued an open challenge to anyone on the post to meet him for the Benning title. The crack hand-baller gained the 29th crown by winning 40 games and losing but two.

Battinelli was quite a star in A. A. U. competition before entering the service, and has a room full of trophies and medals at home. He plays mostly single wall handball, but will play four wall games if desired. His challenge also applies to officers, and anyone wishing to stack up against Bat on the handball court is requested to contact the Special Service Office of his regiment for arrangements.

First Sgt. Czeslaw Jablonowski, of Ft. Eustis, Va., played on the Polish hockey team in the 1932 Winter Olympic games held at Lake Placid, N. Y. Jablonowski was captain and manager of the team.

Sportscasting

BY SGT. CARL NEU

Culling through the sports pages of the Columbus Ledger of 10 years ago the other day, we ran across reviews of Benning sports a decade ago, that would surely revive fond memories for old-timers. The year was 1932, and Benning was a Baby compared to the colorful fort of 1942. But football was then as now a favorite sport with the soldiers, and it was just a year ago this coming Saturday that two teams met for the post championship.

The rival squads were the Kellys of the 29th Infantry's 2nd Battalion, and the 1st Battalion's Irish of the same regiment. The Kellys won the game, 6-0, but the interesting thing about the story was the great similarity between that game and the one played just a couple weeks back between the 124th Gators and the 29th Blue Devils.

In '32, as now, Doughboy Stadium was the home of Benning football. A huge crowd, considering the post's much smaller population at that time, saw the game. And at half-time, the lads ten years ago "cut up" in much the same manner as the Gators and the Devils this year, except that perhaps it was a little more rough and tumble.

Seems that the Irish cohorts went through a mock ceremony of executing a Kelly player by hanging a dummy dressed in a Kelly uniform and cutting off his head. Then the Kelly supporters charged on the field, and a rough and tumble battle for the "body" resulted with the dummy eventually being torn to shreds.

Kelly routs retaliated by staging a mock football game using a bursted ball. The game was a real farce, with stretcher bearers totting away the injured. In the midst of everything, a lady with a very short skirt and a highly pointed face, rushed on the field brandishing a sign that read "medicos" proceeded to "saw" off his leg, she fainted dead away. Then the entire team carried her from the field in an undignified manner as the crowd roared. At the end, it developed that the "lady" was Pvt. Sligh, champion of the 2nd Battalion. It's amazing how similar that intermission was to the one last week when the Gator victims ganged up on Hitler and Co.

The game itself also showed many similarities. The winning score came on a 66-yard run around the right side of the line by Tommy Thompson, star tackle of the Kellys. Last week's turning point was a 65-yard dash also around the right side by Roy Cestary, Gator star. Then in the third period of the 1932 game, a 45-yard touchdown play by the winners was called back because of the penalty, and the play caused great discussion. In the Gator-Devil fracas, a 48-yard touchdown by Cestary was likewise called back, and a disputed penalty inflicted. And that was in the third period. Do you still think that history doesn't repeat itself?

Interesting to note, also, was that then as now, the infantry eleveners were at the top of the heap, and had gained the right to play for the post crown by topping the Terrible Tankers and Gallant Gunners who represented tank and artillery units on the post in 1932. An outstanding player for the Kellys in that game was Sam Prophet at tailback. Now in the I. S. C., Prophet was an official in the 1942 conference.

Prophet was one of the outstanding backs at the post that year with his swivel-kipped running, accurate passing and good kicking. He was rewarded at season's end with a spot on the All-Benning team selected by Jack Gibney, now WRB's ace sports announcer, and then the Benning sports writer for downland papers. Ends on that team were Wilson 2nd Bn., 29th and Love (66th Tanks). Alford (66th Tanks) and Cappel (2nd Bn., 29th) were the tackles while Pressley and Rhodes (both 1st Bn., 29th) were the guards. The center was Carlin (2nd Bn., 29th). Besides Prophet in the backfield were Jordan (1st Bn., 29th) a unanimous selection, and two lads from the Terrible Tankers named Matthews and Swantz.

Sunday's gala grid dinner at the Polo Hunt Club marked a fitting finale to the greatest football campaign that Fort Benning has ever seen in its 24 years of existence. The slogan of the F. B. A. A., sponsors of these games, cleared through the office of the F. B. A. and it was a beehemoth task. Everyone from Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, the head man of the organization, right down to the office girls who made the programs every week, deserve a real pat on the back for their splendid contributions to the success of the campaign. The conference dinner, paid for entirely out of F. B. A. funds, added the perfect closing touch. It was one of the nicest affairs of its kind ever given at Benning. Yes, sir, the F. B. A. really kept 'em playing this year, and more than lived up to its slogan.

Zientara Paces Academic Quint To 38-18 Victory

124th Gators Outclassed By Veteran Team In Practice Game

Paced by Benny Zientara, the Academic Regiment's Profs administered a basketball lesson to a brand new Gator quintet from the 124th Infantry Saturday night at the post gym by a 38-18 count. The more experienced Profs took up their seventh straight early season victory in impressive fashion and definitely established themselves as a contender for Benning conference laurels late in the campaign.

Zientara, a former major league baseball player with the Cincinnati Reds, dropped four field goals and a trio of fouls to lead both sides in scoring with 11 points. Three of his double-digits were spectacular long shots that barely flicked the rim. The bandy-legged guard also played a good floor game.

The other scoring leader for the Profs, runners-up in last year's loop race, was Lieut. Frank Shannon, coach of the Academic Regiment, who looped in three field goals and a foul for seven points. Shannon is a former Wittemberg (Oklahoma) college star. No one player stood out for the losers, although several of them showed great promise for the Orange and Blue. The Gators have only been practicing a short time, and had played one practice game prior to Saturday. The Profs, on the other hand boasted a veteran squad than won almost as it pleased.

Academic Regt.

Player	fg.	ft.	pts.
Shannon, f.	3	2	9
Harpe, f.	2	0	4
Francis, f.	2	0	4
McCrory, c.	1	1	3
Sorenson, c.	1	0	2
Fyffe, c.	0	2	2
Zientara, g.	5	3	11
Homan, g.	0	2	2
Folk, g.	0	2	2
Total	13	12	38

124th Infantry

Player	fg.	ft.	pts.
Hovell, f.	0	0	0
Hodges, f.	0	1	1
Slafkey, f.	0	0	0
Sims, f.	0	2	2
Foster, c.	2	0	4
Gilbert, c.	0	0	0
Ivosevich, g.	1	1	3
Herdson, g.	1	0	2
Bradley, g.	0	0	0
Waller, g.	0	1	1
Total	6	6	11

Referees: Smith-Peterson and Bridges.

Sport Slants On The Camps

March Field's (Cal.) hosts softball team in years—the Medical Detachment club—received a large loving cup as a permanent trophy emblematic of the Post championship. The May sides winning the Post title, won 77 of their 95 games against all comers in Southern California. That's playing pu-enty of ball!

Bob Pastor, one of the leading contenders for the heavyweight title in their paddles when they were in the ring for the duration last week. Pastor intends to enlist in the armed services, but has not yet decided which branch it will be.

The table tennis team of **Chamute Field, Ill.**, proved the post's championship when they decisively overpowered the University of Illinois team 2 to 8 for the second time recently at the Chamute Service Club.

Ft. Monmouth's (N. J.) football team continued to drive toward its second successive "20" Command championship by crushing the Camp Upton, N. Y., eleven 32 to 0 last week. The Ft. Monmouth gridders scored in every period.

Aviation Cadet Jimmy Crowell won the first annual cross-country championship held at Maxwell Field, Ala., recently. Crowell streaked over the rough two and one-quarter miles in 12 minutes, 9 seconds.

"A" Co. Gains 29th Basketball Laurels With 28-24 Triumph

In a tight game of basketball, Company "A" eked out the 29th Championship Saturday with a win over Company "E." The score was 28-24, and was kept low as the result of a man to man game. Two overtime periods had to be played to decide the best team on the court.

Jim Henney, the winner's most spirited player, began the post-scored overtime when with 30 seconds to go, he threw a 20-foot shot that hit the rim. Bob Kearny, star of the 1942 post champs, played his usual cool game, but could not outpace Henney's "Big Game" and his 8 points led the scoring.

Both teams played good defense, and Henney, who had a large trophy, as will the battalion winners.

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Warrant, Flight Officers Now Rate Salute, W. D. Says

All military courtesies of the service including the salute normally granted to commissioned officers now are to be rendered to warrant officers and flight officers, it is announced by the War Department through communication to officials of Fort Benning.

Chief warrant officers and warrant officers (junior grade) in the order, rank immediately below second lieutenants and above all other grades, including cadets and master sergeants, and the newly established grade of flight officer will rank with warrant officers (junior grade). Both warrant and flight officers are eligible for membership in the War Department for commissioned officers.

The shoulder insignia of flight officer is similar to that of a warrant officer. It consists of a gold enameled bar with latitudinal center strip of gold. The warrant officer's bar is brown enamel with center strip of gold.

Yuletide Greetings Sent Home in Talking Letters

Records Being Made By Pepsi-Cola Unit

Christmas greetings in the form of "talking letters" to the home folks now are being made by personnel of Fort Benning through a portable unit that will visit various spots on the post.

The unit is brought to Fort Benning through courtesy of the Pepsi-Cola company and at present is at Service Club No. 3. It will visit other areas of the post as well.

The recordings and mailings are all free to the men of the post, it was announced by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, of the post Special Services office.

Messages may be of a nature to fit the Christmas season or may

be anything that the soldier desires to send, it was emphasized. Several suggested messages are printed to guide senders. They are recorded on small discs that will fit any phonograph, and they run a minute and a half.

For guidance of men making the recordings, Lt. Col. Finnegan stated that the messages must be of a completely personal nature and must not contain any information about the camp or the armed forces; must not state number of men on the post nor mention type of equipment in use, or where a man may be going, or give out any similar information. Messages such as those printed by the company have the approval of morale officers and are recommended for direct use or guidance in making up messages.

Service Club Wins Complete

Coming back after several weeks' lay off, the Service Club quiz team proved they were definitely in the groove as they defeated the officers from Division Headquarters Company in the weekly quiz contest by the score of 375 to 340 at the Service Club No. 2.

Both teams had many loyal supporters on the side lines rooting and cheering when their team members came through with the correct answers. Jokes and wisecracks flew back and forth between members of both teams.

The winning team was composed of Mr. Sanford Axelrod and Mr. Ralph Ellis, both newly appointed Warrant Officers, Sgt. Gordon Able of the 3rd Regiment and Master Sergeant Saul Miller of the Artillery Command.

The officers team was composed of Captain C. F. Meininger, and Lieutenants Byford Long, Thomas St. John O'Rourke and Steve Lang. Cigarettes were awarded to the winners.

golli, John Brown, Charles Senick, James Brock, Richard Mannis, Karl Norman, Ralph Patnode, Roger Caron, Donald Johnson, William Bissell, Robert Petty and Karl Eisele.

Captain George A. Renoux recently promoted Private Charles Brock and Charles Kidd to private first class.

When orders have been issued that all drinking water must be boiled, be sure that the water you drink has been boiled for 20 minutes and not merely heated a little.

Military Police Promoted Twelve

Eleven enlisted men of the Corps of Military Police have been promoted to higher grades, according to an announcement by the post headquarters. They are: Staff Sgt. Carl W. Baughn, to 1st sergeant; Sgt. Ikey Bentley, to staff sergeant; Cpls. Charles C. Edwards and Henry C. Daniel, to sergeant; Ptes. Louis L. Lipp and Robert M. Skelton, to corporal; and Ptes. Shelby R. Bryan, Arthur B. McCready, Leon S. Plunk, James B. Strange, and Paul H. Weismann, to private 1st class.



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54th Drum, Bugle Corps To Make Debut

Under the direction of Sergeant Ian A. Quello, the 54th Infantry's new Drum and Bugle Corps will make its debut shortly.

Those assigned to the Corps are: Sgt. Daniel Roper and Chester Larr, Cornet; James J. Sullivan, Pfc. Robert F. Horton and Pvt. John R. Webb, H. C. Howe, D. Q. Feering, Joseph Mottie, Paul Roper, Alfred G. Phares and J. J. Pannensiel, buglers.

Sgt. Joseph N. Dragovic, Pfc. John F. Maliff and Pte. Harry C. Griffin and Roy O. Wilder, drummers.

Nine QM Enlisted Men Are Promoted

Nine enlisted men of the Detachment, Quartermaster Corps, 4th Service Command have been promoted to higher grades, according to an announcement by post headquarters. They are:

Col. James Williams, to sergeant; Pfc. Jimmie Hampton, to corporal; Pfc. Brune Harris, to technician 5th grade; and Ptes. Lawrence Jones, Freddie Robinson, Henry Safford, Landry J. Carter, Charles Whiting, and Robert C. Stanley, to private 1st class.

7 S. C. MEN PROMOTED

Seven enlisted men of the Detachment, Signal Corps at large, 4th Service Command at Fort Benning, have been promoted to higher grades, according to an announcement by post headquarters.

Tech 4th Gr. Clarence W. Beard made sergeant, Cpls. Thomas D. Thornton and Henry F. Wayson were advanced to technician 4th grade.

Elbertus Kennedy, Leonard B. Pindexter, Bartow W. Walden, and Raymond Sims were promoted to private 1st class.

The organization has been recently expanded to provide for a full 300 bed field hospital.

Training now is going on at Fort Benning, with the enlisted personnel being educated as specialists in several fields. They will be medical assistants, dental technicians, surgical technicians, X-ray specialists and sanitary experts. In addition, many are being specially prepared for the administrative work necessary to run a big modern hospital under field conditions in any theater of war to which the organization may be sent.

Officers are all physicians and surgeons, except those who are in the administrative branch. Lt. Col. Theodore Burstein, commandant of the organization, is from Canton, Ohio, a specialist in plastic surgery and a veteran of the World War I when he was battalion surgeon of the Third Battalion of the 53rd Heavy Field Artillery.

CHAPLAIN A VETERAN

Another veteran of the last war is newly appointed Chaplain John B. Shearer, wearer of the Purple Heart and participant as an enlisted man in five major campaigns with the American Expeditionary Force. He also served with the Army of Occupation following the Armistice. He is a recent graduate of the Chaplains School at Harvard University.

The 32nd Station Hospital was formed a year ago at Barksdale Field, La., then went to Camp Rucker, Ala., where training was begun. It has been here since October, with many of the personnel taking special training in various fields of actual hospital practice at the Post Hospital.

When training is complete, the organization will be fitted to set up a field hospital, working as a complete unit behind battle lines. It will have its own corps of five ambulances and other automotive equipment as well.

Attached to it in the actual field will be a complement of Army nurses now being trained at another base. The group will care for cases removed from the battalion aid stations and will be fully equipped as a modern hospital.

SOURCE OF PERSONNEL
Officers of the organization are drawn from the ranks of doctors and dentists assigned to medical department organizations. In addition, the War Department assigns medical administrative corps officer personnel to handle administrative details, thus relieving the professionally trained men to devote their entire time to the tasks for which they are best qualified.

Many of them are former enlisted men who earned their commissions in attendance at officer candidate schools. First Lieutenant Albert H. Hansen, Jr., Baltimore, Md., adjutant of the 22d, is a former enlisted man who had served at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., where he was regimental sergeant major of the 104th Medical Regiment, 29th Infantry Division.

1st STR Candidate Holds Extensive Travel Record

If Candidate Tom Sather, 16th Company, First Student Training Regiment, is sent into the European theater of operations, he'll know his way around.

Tom was born and reared in Tromsø, Norway. For the geographically uninformed, this is a coastal city in the land of the Midnight Sun, 160 miles north of Narvik and at 70 degrees latitude (making it slightly colder than Georgia). It is, or was, an important port in the Russian and Arctic trade.

Tom's father is a former British consul. His parents and one brother and sister were still in Tromsø when last he heard from them, which was in a letter dated December 6, 1941. Another brother, Cai, is training with Norwegian forces in Canada.

Practically born with skis in his

mouth, Tom later became a ski instructor.

ACCOMPLISHED LINGUIST

But his knowledge is not only of things Norwegian. In addition to having travelled extensively in his native country and Sweden he has visited England, Russia, Spain, Germany, Greece, Persia, Egypt, Australia, Dutch West Indies, Arctic Islands and South American ports. He speaks Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, German and English fluently.

Candidate Sather left his native land in 1939, working his way around the world on boats. He landed in the United States on April 9, 1940—a date he is not likely to forget, since it was the same day Norway was invaded. Drafted in October, 1941, in Los Angeles, Tom served his military apprenticeship at Camp Cal-

54th Recruits Are Commended

Special letters of commendation for their rapid adaptability to Army life and assurances of promising military careers have been given thirteen recruits of Regimental Headquarters Company, 54th Infantry by Captain George A. Renoux, company commander.

Generally, the commendations covered neatness, alertness in carrying out orders, aggressiveness and being a credit to the organization. The men are:

Ptes. Harry Smith, Edward In-

lan before coming to Benning for officers' training.

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Capt. Clodfelter Took Part In 1932 Olympic Spectacle

The strange spectacle of one of the world's top wrestlers actually pinning his own self and losing the most important match of his life without a hand being laid on him is described by Captain Melvin C. Clodfelter, student member of the 3d Company in the 1st Student Training Regiment and member of the United States 1932 Olympic Wrestling Team.

"This particular man was a Canadian who was competing in the Olympics the year I participated," Capt. Clodfelter relates. "He fell victim to one of the peculiar, arbitrary rules governing Olympic wrestling. The rule in question states that if a wrestler so much as touches both shoulders to the mat simultaneously, no matter how or why, he is thereby pinned and beaten."

The Canadian had been wrestling a Turk on fairly even terms for several minutes, the captain pointed out, when suddenly both men broke contact and each hopped backwards. In so moving the Canadian tripped over a wrinkle in the canvas and fell into a roll. Both shoulders happened to touch the mat as he rolled quickly over and on to his feet again. His opponent wasn't even touching him all this time but he was nevertheless declared to have been pinned and that was the end of the match. "The unfortunate Canadian was a good wrestler, too, even by Olympic standards," Captain Clodfelter adds. "He might have had a chance to cop the world title but for that."

Captain Clodfelter has good reason to be well versed in wrestling rules. He not only wrestled 12 of the best 145-pound wrestlers in this country during 1932, but after beating them all and actually winning the second place winner twice.

PECULIAR SITUATION

"This was another case of Olympic rules," says Capt. Clodfelter in explaining this curious anomaly. According to the rules, a wrestler who wins a match by decision, actually has a black mark placed against him. Only if he wins by fall can he avoid getting black marks. If he loses his match he has three marks against him regardless of how he lost. Five black marks eliminate a man.

RUGGED TRAINING

In preparing for the Olympics, Captain Clodfelter underwent three months of preliminary training which consisted largely of road work, calisthenics and light workouts. For the six weeks just prior to the Olympics he followed an intensive schedule that called for two miles of road work, 20 minutes of calisthenics, 20 minutes practicing holds and 15 minutes of all-out competitive wrestling daily.

The entire Olympic wrestling tournament, the captain states, lasted four days. On two of these days two matches each. Between matches he would eat

normal substantial meals with plenty of steak and sugar. However, during the two hours just prior to match time tea and chocolate only was permitted. And nothing could be taken for the half hour just preceding a bout.

Captain Clodfelter has something to say about the Japs as wrestlers and their vaunted ju jitsu. Japs won no titles in the 1932 Olympics and didn't make a particularly impressive showing according to him.

"The Jap style of ju jitsu wrestling is simple and vulnerable to a well-trained American style wrestler," he says. "There's no one I'd rather meet on the mat than a man who relies upon ju jitsu alone. One of my opponents in the Olympics," the captain adds, "was a Jap. I had been watching him for several bouts and noticed he relied greatly upon ju jitsu tactics. He would continually turn around so as to get his opponent across his back for a throw. Well, I waited, and when after about three minutes of wrestling with him he tried this on me I was ready. I tackled him around the legs immediately and got a pin on him less than a moment later. This was the first fall I got to my credit."

Chance in the form of a banged-up nose started Captain Clodfelter on the road to wrestling fame. During his four years of high school at Enid, Okla., he wrestled none at all. It wasn't until his sophomore year in college and after he had injured his nose playing varsity football that he was introduced to wrestling. A famous exponent of that activity contacted him at that time and pointed out the merits of a sport in which casualties were less frequent. The sport he recommended, of course, was wrestling and its endorser sought to have known because he was none other than the late, famous E. C. Gallagher, Oklahoma A & M athletic director and wrestling coach.

VETERAN TRAINER

Gallagher coached 25 years, Capt. Clodfelter says, and in this time produced 20 National Collegiate team titlholders, 9 AAU team champs, had 17 of his pupils make the Olympic team, of which 8 won titles. He has produced coaches for 17 universities and 375 high schools.

Just as in his own case, Capt. Clodfelter says his coach, Gallagher, who was a graduate of engineering, took over the wrestling job at Oklahoma A & M when it was decided to carry that sport there for the first time. He had actually never wrestled before, Capt. Clodfelter says, and knew little about the art. However, he had years of training as a physical training instructor behind him and a study of books alone quickly showed him he was so successful in imparting to others "By applying leverage and pressure principles of engineering," the captain declares, "he developed the most scientific style of wrestling ever known."

Asked about the relative effectiveness of boxing versus wrestling as fighting methods, Capt.

With The Civilians

MYRTLE JOINES

Did you see "Priorities on Parade" recently? Well, those women, those "privateers" as they are called, who are taking the Mechanic Learner's course at Lawson Field, Fort Benning, preparatory to becoming a civilian at Anderson Air Plant School, Nashville, Tenn., where for 28 weeks they will study aircraft engineering, aircraft instruments, general air craft mechanics, work in machine shops and study all about gyro instruments at the Shelby County School of Aeronautics at Whitehaven, Tenn. These are a swell bunch and if you could see Elizabeth Hannon, Elizabeth McComb, Callie Stewart, Mabel Davis, Elsie V. Metcalf, Margaret M. Carey, Georgia F. Shannon, Louise A. Allison and Alma F. Palmer, you would all feel better about air production for you would know that they were really going to "Keep 'em Flying."

While this Mechanics Learner's Course was especially designed for women Hugh E. Bray decided he would like to work with the ladies so he is right down there not missing a trick.

Clarabelle Stephens certainly is having cat trouble. Good enough for her because she didn't buy her coat in the home stores but she had to go to Atlanta. As I have said here, what's Atlanta got that we don't have? I can tell you—\$108, of Clarabelle's money.

A great big welcome to Helen Smothers in the Engineering Office at Lawson Field. Better watch Helen she is a good collecting fare for plane rides she is so accustomed to collecting money for insurance and various other things. She is a whiz-bang after scrap. So they had better be on the alert where that girl is concerned.

Well it seems Bee Brown just has to be teaching somebody something all the time. It used to be indignities in Headquarters now it's bowling at Lawson Field. Understand she has two very apt pupils in Helen Martin and Esther Feinberg.

Joyce Moyer in the post Engineer's office certainly splurged on her sister's Christmas Gift. After all who could have resisted what she bought? Some sister she must have.

Did you see that stunning hat with the bow and veil riding down Cussetta Road in an automobile late Monday afternoon? Well the reason for the hat was the person under it. Mary Dinsmore was so delighted to be able to have her mother sufficiently recovered to leave her in the good care of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, that you can understand all about the hat without knowing the cause. Mrs. Francis Price Haralson has many friends in Benning who will learn of her improvement with much interest.

Three times in enough for one year's illness we think, Mrs. Haralson. Let's hope the New Year finds you back in your regular ways again.

Would you believe it if I told you Doris Lee was actual-

Clodfelter says he believes a good wrestler can take a good boxer any day. "All he has to do is tackle him so fast the latter can't get a good blow at him. As soon as he gets his hands on the boxer, it's all over."

The best wrestlers of today, thinks the captain, are the Finns, Swedes, and Americans. The first two, rate as winners because of their marvellous endurance and the Americans because of their all-around development and science. The strongest wrestlers seem to be the Greeks, who as far as sheer power is concerned rank at the top and always start with the appearance of overwhelming superiority. After a few moments, however, Capt. Clodfelter says, they seem to wear down faster and are usually beaten in the finishing stages.

WRESTLING COACH
After leaving college Capt. Clodfelter coached high school wrestling and football for seven years at Enid, Oklahoma, and six years at Ponca City in the same state. His wrestling teams during this period won five high school conference championships, one state championship, and three times placed second in the state. Five of his high school boys won national titles either in National Collegiate or AAU tournaments. One of them, winner of the 128-pound National AAU title in 1942 is now at Ft. Benning. He is O. C. Sidney Marks presently with the 9th Company in the 1st STR.

Capt. Clodfelter says the pasting years have no dimmed the value of the wrestling training he has received. When asked if he has ever had occasion to utilize for personal protection the prowess he has developed he admits there were a few such occasions. "Every now and then the ability to tie a big and violent man up in a docile knot has proved a Godsend," he declares.

Once at an Oklahoma football game a 210-pound truck driver, said to be influenced by some alcoholic spirits and certain incidents he had been observing on the field, rose in wrath from the bleachers and came down to the players' bench where he started to tie into the captain. "All I used on him was cross body hitch," says Capt. Clodfelter, "but it definitely changed his point of view."

Capt. Clodfelter received his commission via the Oklahoma ROTC in 1928. He entered on active duty in June of 1941 and has been on Reception Center duty at Ft. Sill, Okla., and at Ft. Logan, Colorado, and is permanently assigned to the IRTC at Camp Wheeler, Ga. His home town is Ponca City, Okla. He is married and has one child.

18-Year-Olds Are Registered At Benning

Registration of young men born the last six months in 1924 is under way at Fort Benning and will continue until the end of this month at the Main Theater on the post proper.

Capt. James A. Sutton, post recreation officer and supervisor of the Main Theater, has announced the following schedule for registration of Fort Benning civilians at the theater:

Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after Aug. 31, 1924, shall be registered until Thursday, Dec. 17. Those born on or after Sept. 1, 1924, but not after Oct. 31, 1924, will start registering Dec. 18 and continue through Thursday, Dec. 24.

Those born on or after Nov. 1, 1924, but not after Dec. 31, 1924, will begin registering Dec. 26, and conclude on Thursday, Dec. 31.

CAPT. MEYER BACK

Capt. Floyd R. Meyer has returned to duty with the Second Student Training Regiment after completing a course at the Adjutant General School in Washington. He has been assigned as an assistant adjutant at Regimental Headquarters.

ly passing the hat in Headquarters today? Well, I had better explain that she was holding the drawing for names for Christmas. You draw mine and I'll draw yours kind of affair. No fair telling whose name you drew either.

Must tell you that Josephine Haggard is better and we hope will soon be with us again. She had to stay a few days in the hospital to be near an oxygen tent in case of emergency. She does have the worst time with that head of hers.

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Sgt. and Mrs. George E. Wilson, boy, Dec. 8, Co. "C," 29th Infantry.

1st Lt. and Mrs. Harold P. Claus, girl, Dec. 8, Co. "H," 124th Infantry.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ocie E. Chance, boy, Dec. 9, Co. "C," 1st Arm. Infantry, 2nd Armored Division.

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S-Sgt. and Mrs. Lonnie Anderson, girl, Dec. 11, 1st Parachute Training Regt.

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Officers below the rank of major in the 29th Infantry will attend an Officers Code School every Wednesday night at Building "B" from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. and the building also will be kept open every week day night for use of those desiring to take additional instruction. It was announced today. Officers will be required to attain a minimum code speed of eight words per minute.

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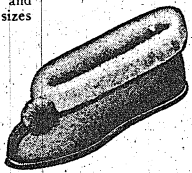
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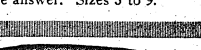
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